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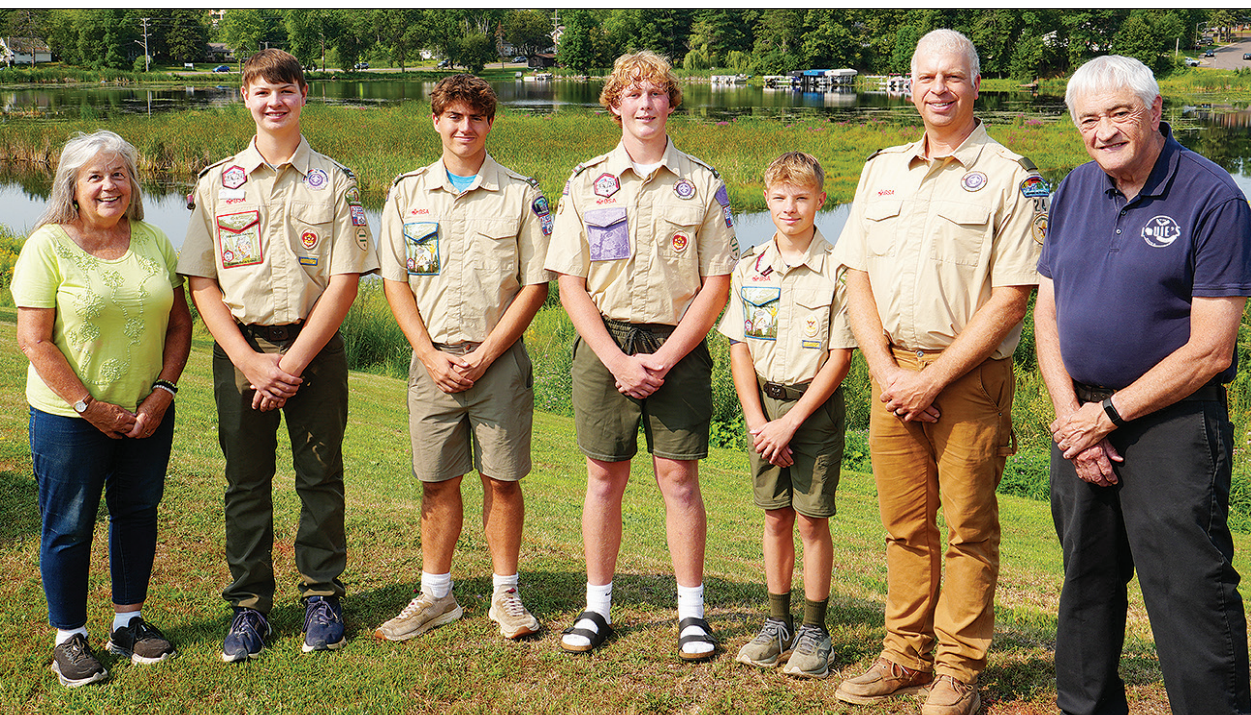
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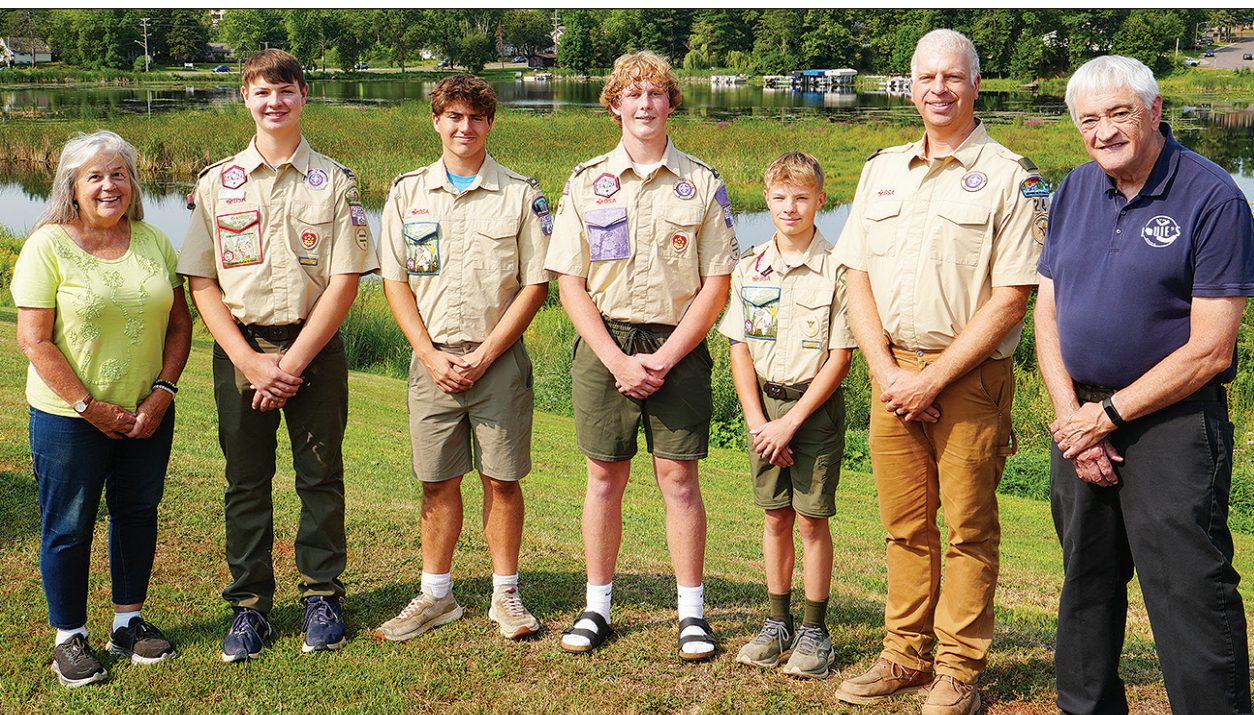
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Legion Auxiliary Milestones!



Two members of the Cumberland American Legion Auxiliary Unit #98 were recently presented with certificates for achieving membership milestones. Diane Ricci (top photo) was presented with her 50-year membership certificate. Pictured with Diane is Toniann Knutson, Unit #98 President. Jackie Manke (bottom photo) was presented with her 25-year membership certificate. Pictured with Jackie is Toniann Knutson, Unit #98 President. The Cumberland Legion Family would like to congratulate both members!

August Election Recap

Barron County had a strong voter turnout for the Partisan Primary with 36% of registered voters and 21% of eligible voters participating. The County had a higher turnout than the last Partisan Primary in August 2024 with about 500 more voters. We did not anticipate a high turnout because, unlike all neighboring counties, Barron County had no local contested races, which always draws voters out. The municipal clerks issued approximately 1700 absentee ballots which is 500 more than in the August 2024 Par-

tisan Primary Election. The increasing trend of absentee voting continues across the County and is also expected to increase for the upcoming November Election. I would also like to express my gratitude to our municipal clerks and poll workers. The municipal clerks oversee each municipal polling location with pride and dedication. Barron County is extremely lucky to have municipal clerks and poll workers who serve our local communities and ensure their elections are administered with accuracy and integrity.

First Lutheran Church Cumberland
Annual Corn Feed
Wednesday Aug. 26th 4:30pm 5:45pm
Smoked Chicken, Corn on the Cob,
Coleslaw, Hot Fudge Sundaes
Adults: \$10 Kids \$5
All proceeds go to:
"N.O.W. Backpack Program"
Join us for worship that night at
6PM in our outdoor pavilion with
special music from "The Boys from Boyceville."

Rutabaga Kickoff August 23rd!
@ ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship service at 10 am with
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Badger Boys State!



Last week at the Post 98 Legion meeting, these three outstanding citizens gave an excellent recap of their experience at this year's Badger Boys State. Pictured left to right are Barron County Commander Jerry Townsend, Tyler Genatempo, Andrew Carlson, Cash Rouzer and Post 98 Youth Program Commander Mark Mauer.

DHS Confirms Cases of Measles in Iowa and Lafayette Counties; Wisconsinites urged to check vaccination status as investigation continues

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Iowa County Health Department, and Lafayette County Health Department have confirmed two cases of measles through testing at the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene; one in a resident of Iowa County and one in a resident of Lafayette County. These are the third and fourth cases of measles confirmed in Wisconsin so far in 2026 and are not related to any of the previously confirmed cases. The cases are believed to have been exposed in Wisconsin, suggesting there may be additional measles cases in communities that have not yet been identified. Not everyone who becomes sick seeks medical care or is tested for measles, which means public health agencies and health care providers may not be aware of every case in a community. The investigation is ongoing and public health officials are working to identify and

notify people who may have been exposed to the measles virus. At this time, no public exposure locations have been identified in connection with this case. If public exposure locations are identified, they will be shared broadly and listed on the DHS Outbreaks and Investigations page. Due to privacy concerns, no additional personal identifying or health information will be released by DHS. Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be spread from person to person through the air and can stay in the air for two hours after a sick person coughs or sneezes. Measles can cause serious health complications, including pneumonia, brain damage, and deafness, and can sometimes be deadly. One in four people who get measles in the United States will be hospitalized. Residents should know the symptoms of measles and call a health care provider if they develop symptoms, even if

they are not aware of a specific exposure. Symptoms of measles typically appear approximately 10 to 21 days after being exposed to the virus, and include:
Runny nose
High fever (may be greater than 104°F)
Tiredness
Cough
Red, watery eyes, or conjunctivitis (pink eye)
A red rash with raised bumps that starts at the hairline and moves to the arms and legs three to five days after symptoms begin
Anyone developing symptoms of measles should stay home (not go to work, school, social gatherings, shopping, or use public transportation) and call a doctor's office or clinic before visiting so they can take precautions to ensure other patients are not exposed to the virus. Measles can be prevented with the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR). Two doses of the measles vaccine are 97% effective at preventing the disease. DHS encourages all Wisconsinites to check their vaccination status to make sure they and their

family are protected from measles. In general, people born before 1957 are considered immune and do not need a vaccine. All other adults without laboratory evidence of immunity should have at least one dose of measles-containing vaccine, and children should have two doses. Find more information about who should get a measles vaccine on the DHS measles page. People can check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry or contact their health care provider or local health department to see if they or their child has been vaccinated to protect against measles. Anyone who is not vaccinated against measles can get vaccinated at their regular health care provider, local clinic, or pharmacy. Get free, confidential assistance finding a doctor or clinic by dialing 211. Anyone who is pregnant, has children under the age of 12 months, or is otherwise not able to receive the MMR vaccine can contact their doctor or community clinic for guidance.

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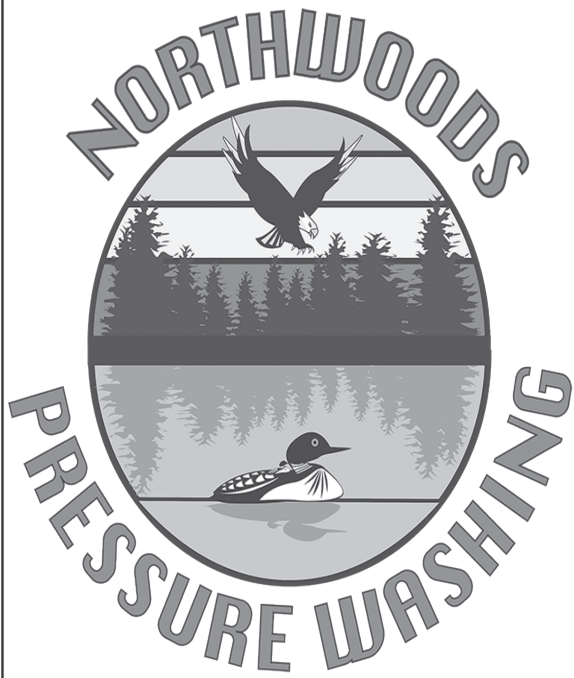
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21: • 9:00 am Girls Golf Cumberland Meet @ Cumberland Golf Course • 7:00 pm Cumberland Football vs Chetek-Weyerhaeuser @ Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School.
SATURDAY, AUG 22: 9 am Girls Varsity Volleyball Scrimmage @ Cumberland Elementary School Gym.
SUNDAY, AUG. 23: 5:00 pm Miss Cumberland Pageant @ Cumberland Middle School Gym.
MONDAY, AUG 24: JV Football vs Chetek-Weyerhaeuser @ Endeavor
TUESDAY, AUG 25: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm District Open House • 4:00 pm Girls Golf Meet @ Spooner Golf Club • 5:00 pm Girls Volleyball (JV2) @ E.C. Memorial • 5:00 pm Boys Soccer vs St. Croix Falls @ St. Croix Central High School Annabelle D. Hanson Sports Complex.
WEDNESDAY, AUG 26: 8:00 am Girls Varsity Volleyball-Justagame Sprawl Invite @ Reedsburg Fieldhouse. • 5:00 pm Girls JV2 Volleyball @ Cumberland High School

Summer Mini Fitness HITS
(High intensity interval training)
Join NETA (National Exercise Trainer Association) certified instructor: Tirzah Ziperr for a 45-minute workout session. These classes will be an interval style format, that alternates 40 seconds of focused work with 20 seconds of rest, keeping your heart rate elevated while maximizing results in a short amount of time. Each individual day of each session will utilize a different style/focus.
One day will utilize dumbbells for strength-building intervals, another day will utilize body weight TRX intervals, and a third day will incorporate Pilates-inspired core and glute work, with some cardio endurance bursts, for a full-body burn. Expect to build lean muscle, improve stamina, and enhance balance and flexibility.
*suitable for all levels with options provided to modify or intensify as needed.
Time: 6:00 am until 6:45 am.
Location: MS Gym-Enter through the West High School
3 different sessions (sign up for 1, 2, or all 3)
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays
Session #1: July 21, 22 and 23rd
Session #2: August 4, 5, and 6th
Session #3: August 18, 19, and 20th
Cost \$20 per session (3 classes), \$40 for 2 sessions (6 classes), \$55.00 for all 3 sessions (9 classes)
Bring: Yoga mat and light to medium hand weights if own, plus a water bottle. Mats and weights are available to use.
To sign up or questions please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 /sbrid@csdmail.com

BAGA YOGA
PAM BAKER OF YOGA-WILDHEART WILL BE OUR INSTRUCTOR!
JOIN US RUTABAGA SATURDAY
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7:00-745 A.M.
ON ENDEAVOR UPPER PATIO CHS
FOR THE PRICE OF A SMILE COME AND SHARE YOUR PRACTICE. WARM UP AND STRETCH BEFORE THE FUN RUN/WALK. WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING A TOWEL OR YOUR MAT.
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Thank you Cumberland Area Trails Alliance!



Last Tuesday, August 11th, at the beginning of the final Island City Music Series event at Tourist Park, the City of Cumberland was able to officially thank the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance who recently donated an AED for the park (in a climate-controlled cabinet that also comes with a bleed kit and Narcan). Pictured left to right are Barb Agen with Stanford Health/Marshfield Clinic, Emily Dilly CEO of Cumberland Healthcare, CATA member James Anderson, City of Cumberland Administrator Randy Reeg, CATA members Wanda Thompson, Adam Bavier, Laura Schmid-Tyler and Emily Schutte.

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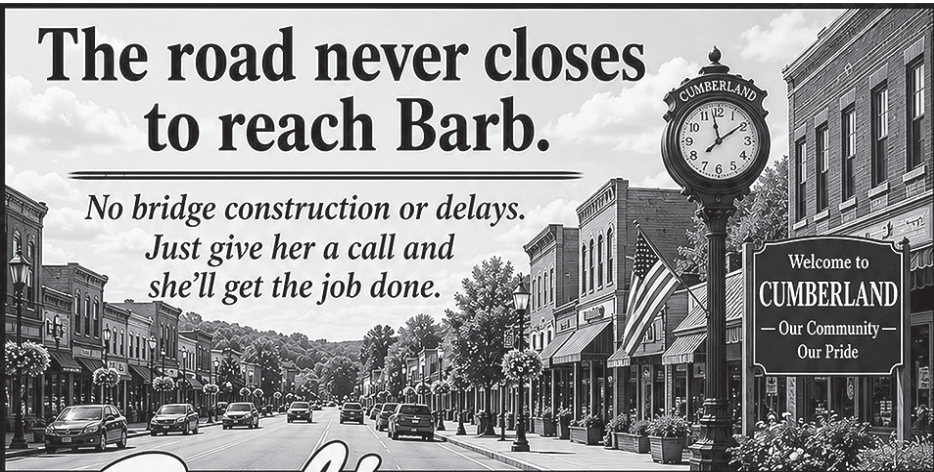
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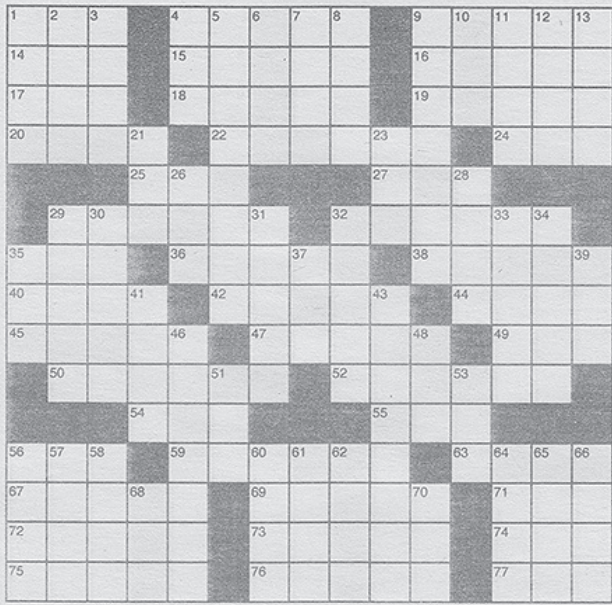
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ACROSS

- 1 Central Time
- 4 Canned chili brand
- 9 Stows
- 14 ___ you!
(attention getter)
- 15 Athletic field
- 16 River
- 17 Referee
- 18 Weight unit
- 19 Diner
- 20 Life histories
- 22 Certain letters
- 24 Female sheep
- 25 Compass point
- 27 Atmosphere
- 29 US Gulf States
dwellers
- 32 Amends (2 wds.)
- 35 Snake
- 36 Frigid
- 38 Expel
- 40 Pull
- 42 Souvenir
- 44 Appeal

DOWN

- 45 Tylenol's competitor
- 47 Brag
- 49 Daddy
- 50 Elapse (2 wds.)
- 52 Internal organ
- 54 Permit
- 55 Air Cushion Vehicle
(abbr.)
- 56 Heavy freight barge
- 59 Rural
- 63 Always
- 67 Amid
- 69 Opp. of Corinthian
- 71 Roberto's yes
- 72 Child's toy
- 73 Beano
- 74 Beige
- 75 Jack
- 76 Architect Frank ___
Wright
- 77 Omega

DOWN

- 1 Small fresh water
fish
- 2 Partial
- 3 Mistake
- 4 Pouch
- 5 Flyer
- 6 Air (prefix)
- 7 Chew
- 8 Fence opening
- 9 In authority
- 10 Expression of
surprise
- 11 Small shed
- 12 Had known
- 13 Withered
- 21 Compass point
- 23 Cub
- 26 Fen
- 28 Invitation
abbreviation
- 29 Twists
- 30 Pull on loose thread
- 31 Lamenting poem
- 32 Sayonara

- 33 Typographic
character
- 34 Atlantic, for example
- 35 Undergarment
- 37 Queasy
- 39 Little bit
- 41 Diabolic
- 43 Space that can be
filled
- 46 Ornamental stand
- 48 Tender loving care
- 51 Heat unit
- 53 Adam's wife
- 56 Peddle
- 57 Asian nation
- 58 Meditation
- 60 Window part
- 61 Pliers
- 62 Not out of
- 64 Select
- 65 Dash
- 66 Rip
- 68 November (abbr.)
- 70 Common fish

Sudoku Puzzle #4152-M

1	2	3	4					
	5			2	6			7
8			1			9		2
6					2			3
		9				8		
4			7					1
2		7			3			4
5			4	8			3	
		8		9		6		5

Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well I got a bit of bad news. This past week we couldn’t update a program on our computers because apparently the Advocate’s computers are too old. I admit, I am a bit of a dinosaur when it comes to technology, but I didn’t think the computers here were that old, turns out they are from 2017. That doesn’t seem that bad to me, but apparently in the “computer” world it is. They still work fine, but I can’t get what we need, so we have new computers on the way. As you all know, everything today costs a fortune, so that was a bummer for sure!

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It sure would be nice to see some rain, I haven’t mowed most of my yard for a month now, not that I miss it, but man is it dry. We did get a couple drops Monday night, but barely enough to knock the dust down on the driveway. Lakes and rivers are dropping, not just here, but in many parts of the country, hot weather is playing a part as well. I’m sure the fields could use a little moisture to help out the farmers as well. Hopefully, we can do a little catch up in the near future.

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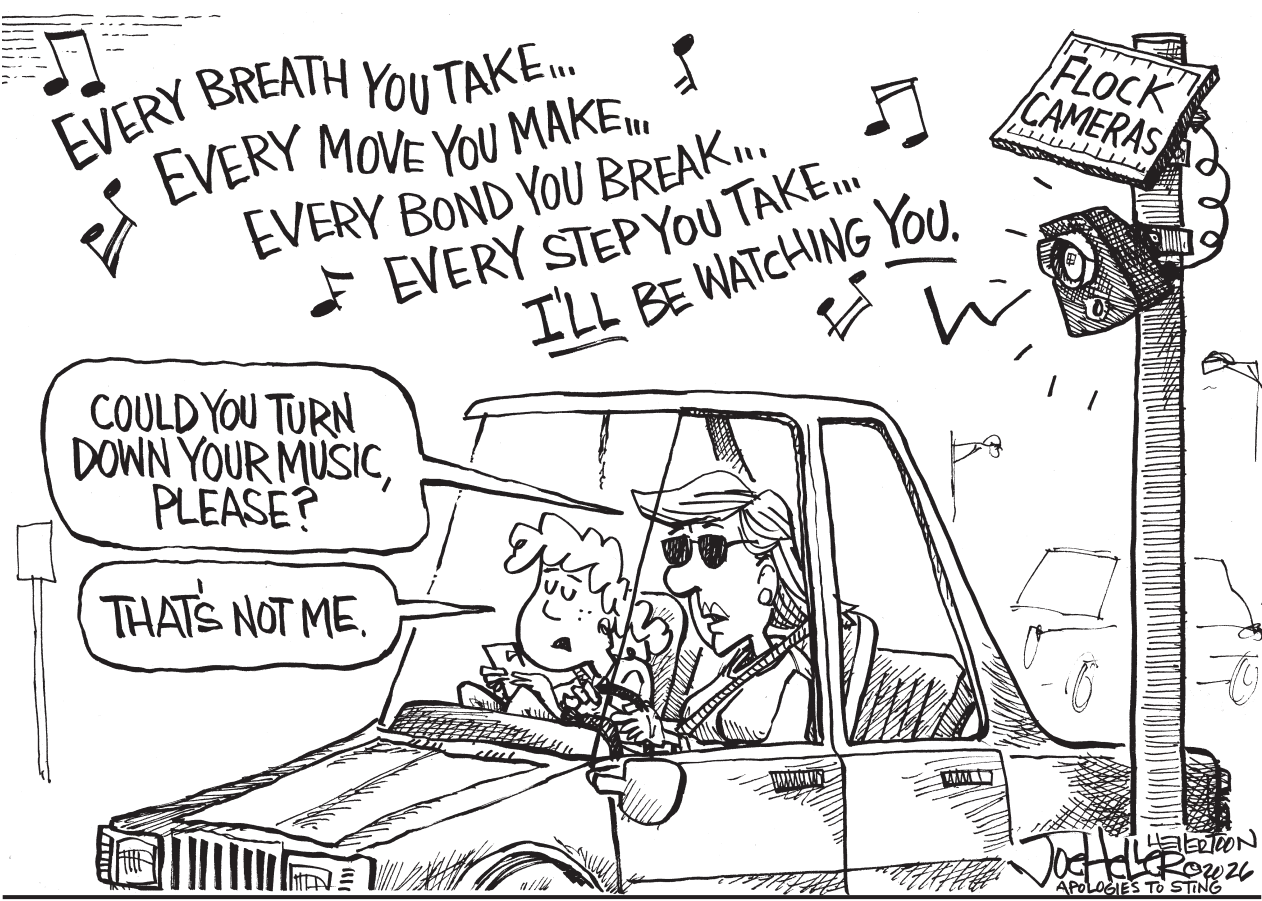
Rutabaga kicks off this Sunday, with both the 32nd annual Golf Scramble (call the course for tee times) and the 2026 Miss Cumberland Pageant set to take place at the Cumberland Middle School at 6 pm. Tickets are just \$5 bucks and can be purchased at both the Chamber of Commerce or at the door. Next Tuesday, is the ever popular Rutabaga Olympics at Endeavor Stadium. There will be all sorts of fun for youngsters and some great prizes. It is always fun to watch. Wednesday, the 26th, is the Corn Feed and music by the Boys from Boyceville at First Lutheran Church beginning at 4:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran also kicks off Rutabaga on Sunday the 23rd, with music by their praise band with lunch, homemade ice cream and a bounce house for the kids. Worship service is at 10 am. Then next Thursday, the 27th, Rutabaga kicks into high gear with all the stuff the festival is known for. See next week’s paper for the full list of events.

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Fall high school sports season is upon us! It really is a good time to come watch and support our young athletes, plus its free, the kids most definitely like playing in front of a nice crowd and the popcorn is cheap.

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As I write this Tuesday morning, I have seen multiple bikes and or scooters zoom by my office window on the sidewalk. It is only a matter of time until someone gets hurt. These things are moving at a good clip. I hope I’m wrong! Have a great week!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“True health care debate in Wisconsin would help people, economy”

MADISON, Wis. – “Price transparency” is a phrase used by politicians right and left to oversimplify real problems with health-care costs, access and delivery in the United States. This fall’s campaigns for state and federal offices should move beyond that social-media meme to a debate that respects the public’s ability to comprehend.

Republican candidate for governor Tom Tiffany has made health care price transparency a campaign pillar, calling for rules to require hospitals, pharmacies and other health-care clinicians to give upfront cost disclosure for many patient procedures. He sees it as encouraging a free-market approach to controlling costs.

As a member of Congress, however, Tiffany was not always “free market” when it came to health care. He voted to protect federal tariffs that could raise drug prices by

\$600 per household once fully implemented. Tariffs have also raised the cost of medical supplies, such as catheters and IV bags, by 15%.

Like most Republicans, he voted against extending Affordable Care Act tax credits. As a result, health care

systems swallow more uncompensated care as rising premiums cause people to drop insurance coverage. It’s more akin to cost shifting than free-market economics.

Tiffany’s opponent in the general election is Democrat David Crowley, a two-term Milwaukee County Executive. While he has not called for health care price transparency, he has urged an expansion of Badger Care, the state-federal state program that offers full-coverage Medicaid for low-income adults and children.

Crowley wants to “open Badger Care enrollment to any household that wants it, using federal Medicaid matching funds to cover portions of cost.” He would do so by using “a sliding scale premium based on income, with targeted subsidies for small businesses, farmers, gig workers, single parents and college students.”

He would also “make Badger Care comprehensive” by including dental, vision and mental health care. Crowley should explain how to pay for such a dramatic expansion – and tell clinicians how they can handle the surge in patients.

None of this is to suggest health care is without serious cost problems. Solving them in whole or part would help Wisconsin’s economy become more efficient.

Nearly half of all U.S. hospitals don’t turn a profit, mostly those not affiliated with a large system. Uncompensated care – which means not getting paid for helping some poor people – is a related dilemma. Government insurance is underfunded and operational costs are rising. That includes administrative costs, which might be easier to cut if there weren’t so many regulations to meet.

“Roughly 60% of hospitals make some margin. Approximately 40% lose money,” said Scott Becker, a Chicago-based analyst who spoke in Wisconsin recently as well as during a 2025 Wisconsin Technology Council conference.

There’s more: Adopting cutting-edge research saves lives and relieves suffering, but it rarely comes cheap. Mega-mergers add to the problem if they reduce competition. The U.S. population is aging and more people of all ages have chronic conditions, such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes, that require ongoing care. Preventable medical errors are costly from a readmission perspective, if nothing else.

Workforce shortages are a major issue for hospitals, clinics and nursing homes alike. It starts at the top and works its way down health care’s supply chain.

There are serious shortages

of specialists and sub-specialists, in large part because it takes so long and costs so much to train them.

Shortages are no less severe in nursing, where not enough people are earning degrees and it can take too long to do so. New nurse training methods include accelerated nursing degrees, competency-based tracking and simulation technology to cut timelines to 18 months or less.

Producing more workers is a major reason why the Universities of Wisconsin will ask for \$90 million in the next state budget to accelerate training for 35,000 health professionals.

Health care “price transparency” is very difficult when the system is opaque for many reasons, some of its own making and some due to overlapping private and public overseers and payers.

Complexities don’t stop politicians from applying simple bumper stickers to the rear of their campaign vans. Wisconsin’s economy needs a health-care debate that helps patients, businesses, workers and clinicians alike.

Still is past president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He is an adviser to Competitive Wisconsin Inc., a non-profit public policy group.

A Look Back

THE GOLDEN BAGA 65 YEARS IN HIDING!

1961-Inside a peanut butter jar, within a hollow stump at Eagle Point.
1962-Under a stone near the disposal plant.
1963-Near the bridge on Grove Street.
1964-Under a rock near the Moser Field ticket booth.
1965-Buried six inches under the ground, on a city-owned lot, on Elm Street, near Library Lake.
1966-The contest was not held this year.
1967-Found floating near the shore of Beaver Dam Lake, after it had broken loose from its hiding place; a second ‘baga was hidden and after another hunt, was found in a culvert at the north end of town, just off Highway 63, near the corner of Babcock and Nedvidek.
1968-Had been hidden at the city dump, but was never turned in. It apparently was unintentionally disposed of.
1969-Under the front seat of the city police car;
1970-In a pine tree near the first tee at the Cumberland Golf Course.
1971-In a wasp’s nest in a pine tree at Eagle Point.
1972-Under a piece of sod on the highway right-of-way, at the SW corner of Highway 63 and County Road H.
1973-In the ladies restroom at Eagle Point, at the bottom of one of the toilet tanks.
1974-In the Cumberland Public Library, in a facsimile of the

book, “The Rutabaga Story.
1975-In a plastic ice cream pail tied to a tree and sunk beneath the waters of Beaver Dam Lake, off Eagle Point.
1976-At the base of the pole at the Cumberland Fire Hall.
1977-Near a light pole at the hockey rink.
1978-Attached to the flag by the post office.
1979-It disappeared! The Golden ‘Baga had been attached by a magnet to the bottom of a trash can on the corner of Grove and Second Avenue. Its whereabouts were never discovered.
1980-In a book on vegetable gardening, at the public library.
1981-On the dam of Beaver Dam Lake, buried at the base of a tree, close to a wood-duck house.
1982-Under a post on the public dock, across from Sammy’s Pizza.
1983-Buried under a yield sign in a flower bed, near the 3M plant.
1984-In the Cumberland Public Library, inside a book.
1985-In a pine tree along the Cumberland Golf Course’s 5th hole.
1986-In a drain pipe behind the police station.
1987-Inside Mayor Al Skinner’s billboard.
1988-In a magnetic holder on the bumper of the utility truck parked by the city utility garage.
1989-In a plastic container,

hidden in the water next to the boat landing at Beaver Dam Lake, across from Sammy’s Pizza.
1990-In the tube of the bike stand at the Cumberland High School.
1991-In a flower bed at Tourist Park.
1992-In a hole in a tree by Library Lake across from Mark’s Restaurant.
1993-To the east of an exit sign for Eagle Point.
1994-In a stump at Moser Field.
1995-In a bird nest by Collingwood Lake.
1996-Near the water next to the Grove Street bridge.
1997-In the rafters of the roof to the walk-in east entrance of the fire department building, Corner of Water and Arcade Streets.
1998-Behind the sign on the City Hall building.
1999-On south side of the track field in a bush.
2000-On the Southeast corner of the “old utility building” by the legion.
2001-In a tree south of the landing at Norweigan Bay, but had fallen out of the tree and was in the water.
2002-Under the ‘green building’ behind the back stop at the old baseball field.
2003-At the pump house near Sammy’s Pizza.
2004-In the rafters in the food shelter area, between the base-

ball fields.
2005-Behind the water pump station at Plum & Third Ave.
2006-Underneath the flooring of the concession stand at the track at the High School.
2007-Near the sign at Cumberland Wastwater Treatment Plant.
2008-In a bird feeder behind Cumberland Municipal Utility.
2009-Buried in the sand underneath the platform of the jungle gym at the beach.
2010-Outside in an air conditioning vent at the Cumberland Senior Center.
2011- The Street sign for Arcade Street was replaced with a sign that said Arcade Avenue.
2012-On a fire plug behind Louie’s Finer Meats.
2013-At Eagle Point, past the swing sets, attached to a string with a bobber hanging from the branch of a small tree. The “Baga” was in the water under a rock.
2014-In a storm drain near Collingwood Lake.
2015-Part of the post on the new Water Tower
2015- On the dock in back of the Police Department. (Second baga was hidden because the first one was found an hour after the first clue was out).
2016-In the ground on the south side of the pump

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Sports

Girl’s Golf Team Participates in Fun Golf Scramble & City of Lakes Invite

The Cumberland Girl’s Golf Team opened their season last Friday with the annual kickoff Scramble at the Barron Golf Course. “We did some nice things, driving well but showing some rustiness in our short game. We did improve as the day went on, finishing with five over par as Col-fax took first with a seven under,” said Head Coach Jess Olson.

Olson was happy with her team saying, “Freshman Zoey Brandenhoff showed a lot of potential and Makenzie Tahtinen played well while demonstrating her experience. Raegan Beecroft, Nautica Ruppel, and Wren Ruppel, meanwhile, made up the rest of our team as everyone contributed and improved

as the meet went on,” Olson concluded.

On Monday morning, the Cumberland Girl’s Golf Team headed to Amery, where they participated in the 8-hole City of Lakes Invite.

The team’s best score came from last year’s letter winner MaKenzie Tahtinen, who shot a 113. Freshman Zoey Brandenhoff added a 116, Raegan Beecroft a 128, Lilliana Herman a 132, and Nautica Ruppel a 137.

“I was happy, because only Nautica and McKenzie had high school experience. We learned a lot during the day,” said Head Coach Jess Olson.

The team was back in action on Wednesday in Hayward.

Football Team Heads to Chetek for Season Opener

The Cumberland Beavers Football Team opens up the 2026 season with a trip to Chetek this Friday night for contest against the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs. Game time is 7:00 pm. The home opener is on the following Friday, August 27, against Lady-smith.

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser was 8 and 2 last year playing in the Lakeland Con-

ference. They graduated a strong class of senior players and will be playing with a new quarterback, while their top returning rusher is Jack Olson, who had 137 yards on the ground.

Cumberland scrimmaged last week in Barron, of which Coach Richard Lauterbach said, “We played well with lots of clean-up still needed but giving us a good place to start.”

Volleyball Team Opens Practice; Scrimmage This Saturday

The 2026 Cumberland Volleyball Team opened practice this week under Head Coach Erin Miller. Fans can get an early look at the team this Saturday beginning at 9:00 am, when they host a varsity preseason scrimmage against Boyceville, Shell Lake, and Grantsburg at the Elementary School. The JV1 and JV2 teams will be heading to Shell Lake to play the same teams in their scrimmage.

Joining Coach Miller on staff are JV1 Coach Beth McClain,

JV2 Coach Michelle Stone, and Varsity Volunteer Assistant Julia Stinson. The HON looks to be strong again this year with last year’s State Tournament participant Barron looking to be the early favorite.

Six players return to the varsity from last year’s squad including Seniors Natalie Anderson, Lauren McCreary, Kaylee Jackson and Olivia Villarreal, Junior Liz Murphy, and Sophomore Hailey Paulson. “We are excited to get our season started,” concluded Coach Miller.

Almena Sportsman Club Summer Trap League Week 10 Scores

Team Totals
Hardina Septic - 957
Twin Town Tavern - 924
Charlies Place - 876
4 1/2 Men+a Gal - 874
Lake Country Dairy - 849
Halco Press - 841
Echo Valley Bear Hunters - 837
Goonies - 836
Toombs Septic - 832
B n B Disposal - 822
Rouzer Farms 1 - 809
Hotel Bar - 808
Spare Time - 775
Vision Builders - 772
Klopp’s - 761
5 Dipstick - 743
Rouzer Farms 2 - 726
Beckers Trucking - 696

Twin Pines Ladies - 618
Top Men
Dave Olson - 25
Jason Murphy - 25
Jordan Olson - 25
Loopy - 24
Shawn Talbert - 24
Top Women
Ella Moen - 25
Amber Riebe - 21
Kassey Coleman - 20
JoAnn Scribner - 19
Carla Gross - 19
Top Youth
Landon Hubbard - 24
Luke Popenhagen - 21
Walker Nykanen - 20
Braxton Riebe - 20
Landon Flottum - 20

Wisconsin Team Comes Close to Little League World Series: Had Ties to Cumberland

Wisconsin will have to keep waiting for its first appearance in the Little League World Series following Whitefish Bay’s 7-6 loss to Iowa in The Midwest Championship game last Friday .

Among the Wisconsin team members was Matt

Beguen son of Dave Beguhn, and the grandnephew of Paul Nelson and grandson of Barb Nelson. The Beguen Family has sung at numerous Rutabaga Festivals over the years.

A Wisconsin team has never qualified for Williamsport.

2026 CUMBERLAND GIRLS GOLF!



The 2026 Girls Golf Team pictured front row from left to right are Jena Schwarz, MaKenzie Tahtinen, Raegan Beecroft, and Scarlett Stunz. Back row from left to right are Lilly Herman, Maria Perez, Naomi Johnson, Daisy Dueholm, Arya LaBlanc, Zoey Brandenhoff, and Wren Ruppel. Missing from photo are Nautica Rupell and Christine Severson.

PUTTING IN THE WORK!



NEW BEAVER HEAD FOOTBALL COACH RICHARD LAUTERBACH GOES OVER SOME EARLY SEASON FOTTBALL DRILLS. CUMBERLAND IS AT CHETEK THIS FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM.



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08/21	Fri	12:28	6:41	12:54	7:06	06:16	08:05	4:27p	NoMoon	8:23p	7:57a	*
08/22	Sat	1:15	7:28	1:41	7:53	06:17	08:03	5:18p	12:18a	9:13p	8:48a	*
08/23	Sun	2:01	8:14	2:27	8:39	06:18	08:01	6:00p	1:11a	10:04p	9:39a	*
08/24	Mon	2:47	8:59	3:11	9:24	06:19	08:00	6:35p	2:12a	10:53p	10:29a	*
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Three Challenging Week's

Hello friends,
Last week I wrote to you about the fact that I was very ill. This week, I am going to describe my life for the last 22 days of purely trying to exist through what was determined on day 16 to be Giardia and E.coli. In other words, I had a parasite and E.coli, that literally cost me a lot of body weight and made me extremely, painfully ill.

The story over the three weeks is pretty crazy and once again for next week's deadline, I cannot do field work. On the other hand, tomorrow I leave for Montana and then Calgary, Alberta and as I have said for years, "The sun always comes up in the morning".

On Tuesday, July 21st I learned that my golden retriever Red only had one puppy in her. The same day I learned of what would cost a chunk of money in setbacks. That night I literally lost my body strength and could not hold food down for the next 14 days.

On Saturday, July 25th I picked up my daughter Selina at the airport in Madison for what would be an 8-day visit at home. Selina is making a major move in the very near future and I did not want to trouble her with my poor health.

I might add that Selina chose this date so that she could be home when Red had pups, today was day 62 of what is normally a 57 to 63 day gestation.

At this point it would be 12 days before my diagnosis, something I only have myself to blame for.

On Selina's first full day at home we swam in the pond, fished in the pond and ate fish from the pond, it was a simple and great day for a father and his daughter. On day 2 Selina was able to witness NOAC "Necedah Outdoor Adventure Club" at its best. I am the president of this club. In our 3-year existence, we have built a beach with a picnic area and swim raft, a disc golf course and every winter we create and maintain a lighted ice skating rink. On this day NOAC hosted a beach party with free hot dogs, brats, chips and water along with music from a local dj.

On Wednesday Selina and I hit the Wisconsin River in our canoe along with Red who was now on

day 65. I was feeling rough but kept it quiet, it was the first time that I ever felt Selina was a stronger paddler than me. That evening we drove down to rural Portage and spent some time with her brother Travis Dushek who has purchased 13 acres of beautiful land on the Fox river along with his wife Anne.

On Thursday night, which was day 10, Selina was out for a few hours and I became very ill, everything hurt, my legs were numb or untouchable from the knees down. I lived in the bathroom, the right side of my chest always hurt, and my belly was very sore and swelled up. My eye sight was very poor and my mental condition was not good. The following afternoon Selina went away to see her very good friends from college for the weekend.

For the first time with the help of a friend I made sauerkraut from my garden, very cool. That night, I literally felt like I could die from "beaver fever/ giardia."

The following day, 18 quarts of chili from my garden were created, by the end of September, there will be 90-quarts in the freezer and that night Beaver Fever hit me the worst yet. I wanted to take a bath, and had a hard time getting out, then it felt like electrical pulses were shooting down both of my arms from my elbows to my fingertips, just the sheets touching my legs from the knees down was unbearable.

Selina headed back to Montana the following night, if all goes well I will meet her on Saturday, August 15th on a remote mountain that neither of us has ever seen.

The following day, Red gave birth to her pup, a lone male. The veterinarian told me that it would be no problem to breed her the next time she goes into heat as only having one pup will not be hard on her. I was really looking forward to having a pup, that will have to wait. Four other people also have chosen to wait until this spring or next summer.

Exactly 3 weeks ago today I lost my health and temporarily my disposable income. Single, low income, homeowners often share this problem.

I have energy for an hour and then feel like I lost every bit of my stamina for the next hour, yester-



Mark Walters garden is creating excellent yields.



Selina Walters enjoying the fishing on the family pond.

day my physician told me that this will last for up to another month.

I have 4500 miles to put on The GMC Hotel, elk to find and a daughter to move!

Remember what I said earlier about the sun?

Sunset

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DICK RUPPEL GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS!



The 2026 Dick Ruppel Golf Scramble was held on Sunday, August 16th. The first place team shot a 51 (21 under par). The first place team is pictured left to right: Austin Stokes, Don Gray, Dale Underdahl, Kimm Laursen and Jim Anderson. Congratulations guys!

CHIX GOLF SCRAMBLE!



THE ANNUAL CHIX GOLF SCRAMBLE WAS HELD LAST FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT THE CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB. MANY TEAMS OF LADIES WERE ON HAND SPORTING ALL KINDS OF FUN ATTIRE INCLUDING THESE GALS CELEBRATING OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY!

ALL-AMERICAN!



LILY PEDERSON

Lily Pederson, With Cumberland Ties, Is One Of The Nation's Best Gymnasts

by Mark R. Fuller

Junior Lily Pederson, the granddaughter of Mike and Geri Pederson and daughter of Cumberland graduate and former athlete Cory Pederson, is returning to the University of Oklahoma, where she was a 2026 First Team All-American and part of the Sooners second consecutive National Gymnastics Championship Team.

Pederson is a White Bear Lake, Minnesota resident and began her gymnastics training at age five. Following a brilliant career which saw her win every event in the USA State Gymnastic Meet in Minnesota as a senior and recording Minnesota's first perfect 10, Lily became the Nation's number two College prospect.

She joined the University of Oklahoma Gymnastics Team on a full scholarship and her success has continued, as she instantly became a key member of the Sooners back to back National Championship Teams, being named to the All-SEC Team both years and Second Team All-American as a freshman before gaining First Team honors last year.

At last year's NCAA Championship finals, Lily earned a career high 9.9875 score on the Vault and a career high 9.9375 on Floor. Congratulations to Lily and the Pederson family.

Attention Sports Fans!

All Cumberland athletic events are free this year!

Come out and support the Beavers!

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Geri Pittman spent last weekend in Iowa with other family members, attending the baptism of her little great-grandson, Mack Pittman, on August 9th at Zion Lutheran Church in Jubilee. He is the son of her grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Noah and Natalie. Geri had a wonderful time cuddling the little guy and visiting with other friends and relatives.

Jerry Marsh, Jodi Ladd, Jesse, Rachel, Curt, Dawson and Dillon Adams and their friends, Bob and Deb Holger, Billy Larson and Carrie, had a fun-filled week at Sturgis, SD. They did a lot of motorcycle riding, naturally, and saw lots of sights. They were at Devil’s Tower, and asked two women who happened to be there to take their picture with Jerry’s phone, which they were happy to do. Well, later, when Jerry looked at the pictures that were taken during the week, he came to a picture of two people that he didn’t recognize. Unbeknownst to Jerry, the ladies had taken a selfie of themselves before taking the group picture in front of Devil’s Tower. I’m sure they are probably laughing about that and wondering how long it will take Jerry to figure out what happened.

Jonathan Kauffman and crew (J&A Northwest Construction) hosted a fantastic open-house at their place just south of Barronett one day this past week, welcoming everyone in the area to stop by and get to know them better. What can I say – the things they provided were absolutely amazing. They had a bouncy house and a huge blow-up slide for the

little ones, and food and beverages for everyone. It was such a hot day, and there were quite a few people who took advantage of the air-conditioned office building to sit, relax, visit and eat. Lynn Thon took her grandsons, Kane and Pierce, and their friend, Alex Anderson, to check it all out. The boys had a great time, and they were even able to decorate and keep a hard-hat.

Lynn had called and asked if I wanted to accompany them, but, as usual, I was in the garden and covered with dirt, so I went over later in the day. There were lots of people there, so it was fun visiting. I visited with Angelo Rew, AGR Painting, from spooner for a few minutes. He had his two little ones with him, but I didn’t get a chance to meet them because they were having too much fun in the bouncy house. He and his crew cover quite an area around here – and it sounded like, if you want a job done right, he is the one to call. Oh, I could say that about the J&A crew too. I have heard nothing but good things about their work. I kept business cards from both businesses. We would like to build one more duplex at Oak View Adult Family Home, and when we do, we will be calling them.

One of the main drawbacks to our new duplex plan is that we are having a very hard time finding more staff. If you know of anyone who would like a rewarding career as a care giver to vulnerable adults, please send them our way. The staff we have are wonderful, dedicated, caring people, but we need a few

more just like them. Pat Olson has figured out a fool-proof way to get the brush and weeds cleared around her home so that she will have a better view of Upper Waterman Lake. She hired 60 goats!! Her grandson, Jeffrey, looked on line and found a woman in Minnesota who rents her goats out. She brings everything they need, fencing and water tanks, turns them loose, and then comes back every other day to move them to a new area. Pat called and told us how cute they are, so Duane and I hope to get over there and see them running around before the woman takes them back home.

Jamie Lee Anderson and her daughters, Kaitlynn and Jessica, had a very good time in the Chicago area this past weekend. They strolled around on the sky-walk, visited Lego-Land, and saw lots of other sights. This was their last family trip for the summer – before the girls have to get back to school.

Hard to believe, isn’t it, that it is almost back-to-school time. Two more weeks until Rutabaga Fest and then Labor Day Weekend and the Town and Country Fest in Shell Lake. I wish winter would go by as quickly as summer does!!

I made a gallon of Vivian Adams’ refrigerator pickles with cucumbers from the garden this week. I am in competition with Geri Pittman now – Lynn Thon thinks there is nothing quite as delicious as Geri’s pickles, so I am doing my best to win the “pickle queen” title. (I doubt that I will make it, though.)

I’m going to run. I hope you have an absolutely fantastic week. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Evelyn M. Sparish

Evelyn Mariam Sparish, 98, of Cumberland, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Cumberland Care and Rehab. She was born January 16, 1928, in Arland, WI, to William and Olga (Autio) Wuorenma. She was married in Cumberland on October 16, 1948, to Joseph Sparish, who preceded her in death on March 11, 2007. Together they raised three children who loved their parents dearly.

Evelyn spent her younger years working at Presto in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and later retired from the City Bakery, where she wore many hats: selling baked goods, decorating beautiful cakes, and waitressing. She was a dedicated 4-H leader for the Junior Beavers 4-H Club and loved sharing her time and talents with others. Family was at the heart of Evelyn’s life, and she especially treasured family gatherings, where everyone could count on her to make a delicious meal. She was truly an exceptional cook, and one of her pasta dishes was even featured in Taste of Home magazine. A proud Finlander through and through,

Evelyn somehow mastered Italian cooking like no one else, adding her own special touch and plenty of love to everything she made. Her cooking, laughter, and love of family will be cherished and remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Evelyn’s favorite words of wisdom will guide us forever: “Do what you can do and what you can’t, let it go” and “Just take one day at a time and what you can’t do, do tomorrow”

She is survived by her children, James Sparish (Pam) of Cumberland, Richard Sparish of Comstock and David (Debbie) Sparish of Pulaski; six grandchildren Shannon (Stacey) Tift, Melissa (Greg) Weaver, Holly (Marty) Schramski, Samuel (Kalli) Sparish, Kahla (Justin) Gleiter, and Shani (Mark) Meyer; 17 great grandchildren, Kyle, Chantel, Wyatt, Morgan (Cole), Montana (Collin), Mitchell, Benett, Tierney, Cooper, Violet, Molly, Kinzie, Callen, Hadley, Tatum, Dominic, and Ryker; four great great grandchildren, Parker, Wyatt, Wrenley, and Kannen; sister-in-law, Louise Jennrich; godchildren, Linda Sparish, Jim Zappa, Tom Sparish, Brad Sparish, Carolyn Tempesta, Louise Heinz, Jane Schiebel, and Peggy Lottman; and many special nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her devoted husband Joseph Sparish; parents William and Olga (Autio) Wuorenma; parents-in-law, Fred and Christy (Conzone)

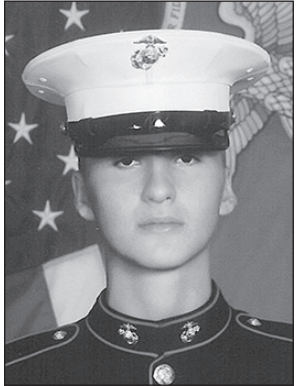
Sparish; siblings Alma Pimple, Selma Kreckner, Vaino Wuorenma, Toivo Wuorenma, Hilda Wuorenma, August Wuorenma, Fannie Barton, John Wuorenma, Henry Wuorenma, and George Wuorenma, siblings-in-law; Eddy Pimple, John Kreckner, Regina Wuorenma, Lola Wuorenma, Fay Barton, Leona Wuorenma, Gwendolyn Wuorenma, Donna Wuorenma, and, brothers and sisters-in-law; Sal Sparice, Giovanni Sparish, Teresa Sparish, Connie and Al Nicholas, Theresa and Nick Marcogleise, John and Theresa Sparish, Mary and Vener Nicholas, Rose and Bill Johnston, Pat and Dick Bramwell, Chester & Kathleen Sparish, Margaret and Harvey Johnson, John Jennrich, Mike & Rayola Sparish; goddaughter, Judy Bellefeuille; and special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 am at St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church with Fr. Ed Anderson officiating. Burial will be at the St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery. Lunch will be served in the church hall following the burial.

Honorary Pallbearers: Stacey Tift, Greg Weaver, Marty Schramski, Samuel Sparish, Justin Gleiter, Mark Meyer, and Kenny Sparish

Visitation will be on Friday, August 21, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, and one hour before the service at the church on Saturday.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Westin S. Woodward

Westin S. Woodward, 22, of Chippewa Falls, died Monday, August 3, 2026, in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

He was born July 4, 2004, in Eau Claire to Terry and Janine (Jansen) Woodward. Westin attended Chippewa Falls High School where he enjoyed participating in the marching band and competing in robotics. He had a quiet side and loved spending time outdoors, camping and hiking, or snuggling up on the couch with his cat, Elvis.

After graduating from Chi Hi in 2022, Westin left

for basic training on his 18th birthday. He completed basic training in San Diego, CA, and further training in Pensacola, FL, before being stationed in New River (Jacksonville) North Carolina. He achieved Lance Corporal and trained with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron 302 and was currently working as a mechanic on helicopter carriers.

Westin is survived by his parents, Terry and Janine; twin brother, Garrett; sibling, Leah Cedar; grandparents, Ronald and Dorothy Woodward of Cumberland; aunts and uncles, Julie Jansen of Albany, WI, Jay Jansen of West Bend, WI, Tim (Amy) Confare of Delafield, WI, Vicki (John) Lindsay of Ashville, NC, Gary (Kelly) Woodward of Lawrence, KS, and Barb Holman of Danbury, WI; as well as many cousins, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Barbara Jansen; and uncles, Robert Holman

and Rick Murray.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, August 27 at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, August 28 at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, with Rev. John Lindsay officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment with military rites will follow at 3 p.m. at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, N4063 Veterans Way, Spooner WI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Chippewa Falls High School Marching Band.

Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services, Chippewa Falls is serving the family. Please share your memories or condolences online at pedersonvolker.com

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OBITUARIES



Norman P. Anderson

Norman Paul Anderson, 98, of Cumberland, WI, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at Cumberland Care and Rehab.

Norman was born on June 3, 1928, in Minneapolis, MN. When he was 6 months old his parents, Paul and Clara, bought the farm next to where Paul grew up and the family returned to the suburbs of McKinley (Johnstown). Norman attended elementary school at A.P. Holst School until 8th grade and then went to work with his dad on the farm.

While his formal education ended with 8th grade, Norman was always a curious person. Wondering and learning about everything. Norman farmed and

made maple syrup with his dad for many years. In 1957 Norman and his father made the decision to get out of dairy farming and go full-time into the Maple Syrup business.

Norman and family were involved in Trinity Lutheran Church in Mckinley, WI where he was active in Luther League. He attended national Luther League Conventions and made lifelong friends with the people he met there.

Norm served on a Luther League board at Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, where he met Janice Carlson. They were married on October 26, 1963 and settled into life on the farm outside of Cumberland. Jan kept the books for the Maple Syrup business and Norman continued to find ways to grow the business with his father. They continued church activities, joined couples club and even took square dancing lessons.

They had two children, Christine and Steven. Norman enjoyed working, traveling and creating little adventures. When people came to visit, he found

ways to make the time special; packing down the sledding hill to make it faster, setting up a home-made "rollercoaster", organizing a church softball game or going on a hike and getting lost. He always seemed to have something up his sleeve. Summers often found the Anderson's at Mt. Carmel Bible Camp in Alexandria MN and visiting Janice's family in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Norman loved his old cars; he bought his first 1931 Graham in 1974 and continued to collect beautiful old cars. He loved going to car shows and visiting.

In 1996 Norm and Jan started a new chapter—retirement! They traveled and explored many places in the US and around the world! In all the travels, Norman was amazed that he could actually visit these places. The stories he told the most centered on the people he met. He enjoyed making connections and learning about the interesting things others did in their lives.

Norman was proud of his grandchildren, Ben and Mya. He enjoyed spending time with them and following their school activities. He was known for stealing

blankets, making delicious waffles, going to car shows, pouring milk from unbelievable heights and making the smoothest and best maple candy around.

Norman used to say that maple syrup had been good to him. He enjoyed the work and he was proud to be inducted into the Maple Syrup Hall of Fame in Croghan, NY in 2009.

He was a man with deep faith in Jesus Christ. He is preceded in death by his Parents:

Clara and Paul Anderson, Sister: Sarah (Alan) Olsen, Wife: Janice Anderson, Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Ed Carlson, Lorainne and Dave Giller, Wendell and Rosemary Carlson. He is survived by children: Steven (Alison) Anderson, Christine Anderson (Paul Sanders), grandchildren: Ben Anderson and Mya Anderson; and many nieces and nephews and their children.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church, McKinley, 2532 15th Street. Visitation one hour prior at church.

Memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Endowment Fund.



Mervin Elm

Mervin Elm, age 89, of Spooner passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at his home. He was born October 29, 1936 to Evelyn Elm.

For many years, Mervin dedicated his time working at a Sawmill in Luck, WI. In his younger years, Mervin loved hunting and taking his relatives fishing. More recently, he enjoyed taking car rides, tinkering around on his collectibles in the yard, and being around family and friends.

He is survived by daughter, Tammy Elm (Jeff Hage); grandson, Josh; niece, Linda Elm; great-niece, Danielle Hagen; great-great-niece, Arielle; and very good friend, Linda.

Mervin was preceded in

death by his siblings, Ernie, Carl, Raymond, Lester, and Frances; and his mother.

Interment will be held at 2 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026 at Lake Side Cemetery, Barronett.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



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This month many churches turn to the gospel story of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)

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It would be Christ’s mercy that was the focus of the story. Scripture relates the disciples at first would have dismissed her, and Jesus remained silent. Yet the woman persisted, and ‘she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” (Matthew 15:23-25)

She knew deep in her heart Jesus was the answer, and persisted, even in the face of people who discouraged her. Jesus responded to her with compassion, and Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. (Matthew 15:28)

In the Gospel of Luke, in chapter Eleven, Jesus said ‘Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.’ The words before and after lead us to understand two things; that God really wants us to seek him with all our hearts and come to him in prayer, and he earnestly desires to answer those prayers, for he is compassionate and merciful. Jesus said; ‘If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!’ (Luke 11:1-13)

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that bring us to our knees, like the Canaanite woman, but do not despair, as on our knees we often look upward to God, and see Christ and his grace most clearly.

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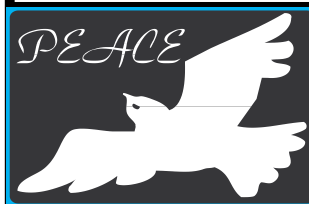
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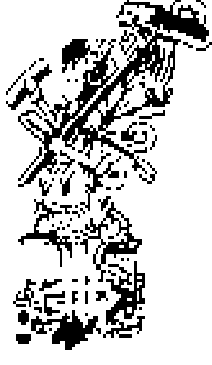
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Description of work: Replacing the bridge and completing roadway approach work.
Traffic impacts: The road is closed at the structure.
Highway: County D
Location: Lake Chetek Bridge in Chetek
Schedule: Aug. 3 through late November
Cost: \$2.39 million
Description of work: Placing a 1.5-inch concrete overlay over the bridge deck; repairing the concrete sidewalk, bridge piers and parapet; making joint repairs; cleaning drainage grates; painting bridge girders; milling 2 inches of the existing asphalt pavement on either side of the structure and paving 2 inches of hot-mix asphalt over the roadway; replacing curb, gutter and sidewalk; and restoring the landscape around the construction site
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Cost: \$501,425
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Highway: County O
Location: Wisconsin Avenue intersection in Rice Lake
Schedule: April 20 to late September
Cost: \$1.1 million
Description of work: Realigning and extending the County O left-turn lanes, constructing right-turn lanes both north and south along Wisconsin Avenue, replacing traffic signals and adding sidewalk and a pedestrian crossing on County O
Traffic impacts: County O and Wisconsin Street remain open to traffic, but motorists might encounter temporary lane closures during sidewalk finishing work.
Highway: US 53 South
Location: Bridges between Cameron and New Auburn, structures over US 8, Knapp Street, County A, County AA and Carlson School Road, 2025; and structures over 20th Street, County I and the Chetek River, 2026
Schedule: Feb. 23 to October, 2026 construction; May 5, 2025, to October 2026, overall project
Cost: \$10.91 million
Description of 2026 work: Replacing the decks on the bridges over the Chetek River and 20th Street; replacing the bridge over County I; milling pavement on both sides of each structure and placing new asphalt pavement on the approaches; milling and overlaying the pavement on the southbound US 53 on- and off-ramps at the County I interchange; and replacing guardrail, pavement markings and signage
Traffic impacts: Southbound US 53 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter:
Single-lane closures on southbound US 53 and a reduced speed limit of 60 mph.
Single-lane closures on County I through the duration of the project
Closure of the ramp from County I to southbound US 53
The ramp closure is anticipated to be in place through late September.
Traffic is being detoured on northbound US 53 to the US 8 interchange, where motorists will exit and then re-enter southbound US 53.
Highway: US 63
Location: Beaver Dam Lake in Cumberland
Schedule: April 24 to early September
Cost: \$2.64 million
Description of work: Removing the existing box culvert carrying Beaver Dam Lake under US 63, building a bridge with a longer span to replace the box culvert, removing the Lake Street Bridge, dredging Beaver Dam Lake under US 63 and the Lake Street Bridge, building an ATV trail on the east side of US 63 from Arcade Avenue to Nedvidek Street, reconstructing US 63 on both sides of the new bridge, reconstructing portions of Lake Street, Nedvidek Street and Babcock Avenue to match the raised profile of US 63 and constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk
Traffic impacts: US 63 is closed to traffic on both sides of the structure.
Traffic is being detoured via WIS 48, US 53 and WIS 70. In addition:
o Lake Street is closed just past the boat landing.
Access to the boat landing is being maintained.
The Lake Street Bridge is open to emergency vehicles only through late August.
Highway: US 63
Location: US 8 East in Turtle Lake to WIS 48 West in Cumberland
Schedule: July 20 to mid-November
Cost: \$8.66 million
Description of work: Milling 2.25 inches of asphalt from the roadway surface and paving 3.25 inches of hot-mix asphalt; cleaning, lining or replacing culverts; replacing guardrail; replacing curb and gutter at various locations; installing new pavement markings; and completing the following improvements to increase safety: Installing shoulder rumble strips, placing a high-friction surface treatment on two curves and widening paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet
Traffic impacts: US 63 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging and temporary traffic signals.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 65
In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Curtis Borglund, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 65.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/07/1944 and date of death 01/01/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 510 24th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 12, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

/S/ Deanne E. Larson
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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 64
In the Matter of the Estate of George G. Metzger, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 64.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/12/1940 and date of death 10/01/2018, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1940 Hines Lakeview Drive, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 23, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

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Beaver Dam Lake
Management District
Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
at Noon 12:00 pm
Cumberland, City Hall
Cumberland, WI 54829

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve Minutes from the August 8, 2026 meeting
3. Treasurers Report- defer as completed on 8/8/26
4. Recognition of visitors
5. Update on Hwy 63 bridge channel piling removal
6. Update on Grove St bridge dredging
7. Status of Wickre channel and Avery wetlands project
8. Determine meeting date(s)
9. Establish committee to work with the City of Cumberland on long term agreements for maintaining the Library Lake storm water ponds, boat launch monitors and launch maintenance along with other mutual projects
10. Management of website, emails, Facebook
11. Consensus on project updates and notification
12. East Lake study-project scope and vendor
13. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Boar
14. Set next meeting date and time.
15. Adjourn.

Note: Additional agenda items may be added and will be posted at City Hall, the Library no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
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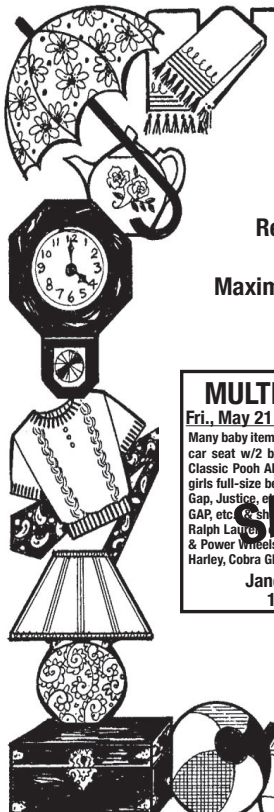
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Many baby items (umpiro, exersaucers, strollers, car seat w/2 bases, White Simmons crib, baby walker, Classic Pook ABC crib bedding set, many toys, Boys and girls full-size bedding, 100% bra and girls clothes NB-8 (Gymboree, Gap, Justice, etc.), 100% bra and boys clothes NB-8 (Gymboree, GAP, etc.), 100% brand clothing (Silver jeans, Ann Taylor, Ralph Lauren, etc.), shoes, LOTS of toys including Talking Dora vanity & Power Wheels ride-on, 2 TV/DVD combos, DVDs, Weed Whip, framed Harley, Cobra GPS, holiday & home decor, books, board games & more.
Jane Doe & John Q. Public Families
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Cumberland Area Trails Alliance Makes Donation After National Night Out

Cumberland Area Trails Alliance (CATA) was honored to be able to participate in Cumberland’s National Night Out on August 4th. Our group gave out nature bingo cards, temporary tattoos, and provided the kids with an opportunity to maneuver a child sized all-terrain wheelchair through an obstacle course. The all-terrain wheelchair was supplied by the collaborating nonprofit Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW). Our gold coalition membership with AAW allows us to have the chairs available at our events if they are reserved a head of time. These chairs provide an avenue for people with mobility challenges so they can more easily ac-

cess nature trails. To serve one for yourself or a loved one, contact AAW at www.accessabilitywi.org. The rental is cheap, the experience for those with mobility issues is priceless! Also at Cumberland’s National Night Out, CATA held a money jar fundraiser for Cumberland’s Shop with a Cop Program. Along with a nice donation from CATA member Ellen Clare Sendelbach, we were able to donate \$391 to this program. The lucky winner of the money jar was Jay Gardner. Thank you to Edina Realty/Meg Lepak who was the major donor of the money jar prize. Thank you to everyone who supported us for this fundraiser!

No Helmets, No Seatbelts Top Factors In Fatal ATV/UTV Crashes So Far In 2026

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) statistics show the lack of wearing helmets and using seatbelts are the primary causes of the 29 fatal ATV/UTV incidents so far in 2026. Wisconsin leads the nation in fatal ATV/UTV incidents. A third major factor in fatal crashes is the lack of completing a safety education course. “This is a troubling trend,” said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. “Completing safety education and utilizing helmets and seatbelts are simple ways to protect yourself and passengers while out riding. Not all crashes are 100% preventable, but the odds of surviving a crash drastically increase when safety equipment is properly worn.” DNR records show 13 of the 29 fatal incidents in 2026 involved ATVs and 16 involved UTVs. The top three types of fatal crashes were rollovers (15), collision with a motor vehicle (6) and ejections from the machine (4). There also have been 49 self-reported nonfatal ATV/UTV crashes. There also have been 49 self-reported nonfatal ATV/

UTV crashes. Keep these safety tips in mind: Always ride sober, with zero alcohol or substances. Wear helmets, seatbelts and eye protection even when loading and unloading machines. Follow all regulatory signs, speed limits and come to a complete stop at all stop signs. While on routes, operate with lights on, on extreme right-hand side of the traffic lane and at safe speeds. Take a safety class regardless of age requirements. “Many of the crashes could be prevented simply by adopting a safety code of conduct,” Lt. Holsclaw said. “Ride sober and reasonably, avoid risky behavior and always ride with proper safety attire and education.” Wisconsin law requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident without delay to law enforcement officials. In addition, within 10 days of the incident, the operator must submit a written report on Form 4100-174 to the DNR. Learn more about ATV/UTV riding, regulations and safety classes on the DNR’s website.

BRIDGE UPDATE...

contractor has submitted a new project schedule to the DOT showing a completion date of September 25th. Since there is no justifiable reason for the delay (i.e. weather), we presume there will be liquidate damages assessed by the DOT. We have already asked and will continue to inquire if, since the bulk of the cost of the bridge is being paid for locally, we get credit to our final cost for our pro-rated share of any such liquidated damages. Please remember, this is a DOT project and none of the contractors work directly for the City of Cumberland--so we have no control over the situation. We can only advocate on behalf of the commu-

nity and report the current status. So in short--please don’t kill the messenger! Local Street Improvement Projects: The Barron County Highway Department will be blacktopping through Wednesday of this week (August 19th). What work they do not complete this week will be completed when they return after Rutabaga. Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake: Work on this project is underway and still on schedule. Mill and overlay work is currently scheduled to begin the week of August 31st and last about 6-8 weeks.

CUMBERLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TRACTOR PULL!



THE ANNUAL CUMBERLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL TOOK PLACE THIS PAST WEEKEND BEHIND THE HOCKEY ARENA. PLENTY OF POWER WAS ON DISPLAY BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT.

CATA DONATES TO CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT!



SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE ON HAND TUESDAY MORNING AS LAURA SCHMID-TYLER REPRESENTING CUMBERLAND TRAILS ALLIANCE PRESENTED A CHECK FOR \$391.00 TO CUMBERLAND POLICE CHIEF HEATHER WOLFE FOR USE WITH THE SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM. PICTURED ARE JIM ANDERSON, JASON GENATEMPO, CHLOE HEINECKE, CHIEF WOLFE AND LAURA SCHMID-TYLER, WANDA THOMPSON, GARY JOHNSON, TYLER GENATEMPO AND STEVE ANDERSON.

LAST NIGHT AT ISLAND CITY MUSIC SERIES!



THE LAST NIGHT OF THE ISLAND CITY MUSIC SERIES FEATURING THE HAY RIVER SISTERS DREW A NICE CROWD TO TOURIST PARK. THE POPULAR SERIES WILL RETURN NEXT SUMMER.

Wisconsin State Patrol highlights importance of license plate requirements

License plates serve a critical role in public safety and support an efficient transportation system. Wisconsin residents are expected to register vehicles and display valid license plates when operating on public roadways. The Wisconsin State Patrol is reminding drivers of license plate requirements. “License plates are an important part in keeping Wisconsin’s roads and communities safe,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “When your license plates are properly displayed and your registration is current, it helps law enforcement quickly identify motorists involved in a crash, recover stolen vehicles or investigate criminal activity such as a hit and run.” According to the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), nearly 1.3 million license plates

were issued in Wisconsin last year. Every motorist should understand how to properly display and maintain license plates for their specific vehicle, including motorcycles, collectors, farm equipment and other specialty plates. Ensure your registration is valid According to state law, residents are required to register vehicles with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation before going on the road. License plates are issued by the DMV once the vehicle is registered, and validation stickers show the month and year of expiration. Most registrations expire annually and must be renewed to remain valid. Motorists should receive renewal notification from the DMV through email or text with eNotify or a postcard in the mail. Registration status can also be checked

online. On most vehicles, validation stickers belong on the rear license plate, with the month in the lower left corner and year in the lower right. The stickers should never cover letters, numbers or other registration information. Wisconsin law requires an additional orange “EV Hybrid” sticker for electric or hybrid vehicles. Vehicle-specific registration requirements are available at wisconsin.dmv.gov. Display license plates properly Properly displayed license plates serve several important legal, safety and administrative purposes. They help first responders and law enforcement quickly identify motorists during an emergency or criminal investigation. Motorists should ensure their license plates meet these requirements:

- Proper placement: According to Wisconsin State Statute, when two license plates are issued, both plates must be firmly attached with one on the front of the vehicle and one on the rear.
- Clear visibility: State law requires plates to be maintained in a legible condition and displayed so they can be seen and read. License plate brackets that cover any part of the readable message are illegal. Replacement plates or renewal stickers can be requested online, in person or by mail.
- Wisconsin offers various license plate designs and types of registration according to vehicle use or owner’s special interest. For additional information, visit wisconsin.dmv.gov or contact the Wisconsin DMV.

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2026 Miss Cumberland and Junior Princess Candidates!



Kiera Fox



Emma Mewes



Greta Weaver

Miss Cumberland and Junior Princess Candidates Questions and Answers

Miss Cumberland Candidate: Kiera Fox

Sponsor: Cumberland Federal Bank

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I am really proud to be part of the Cumberland Community. It is filled with so many wonderful people who volunteer, give their support, and are active community members. These people have inspired me to get involved and share my love for Cumberland as an ambassador for Miss Cumberland Royalty.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

Hanging out with friends on the midway and K.C. Hot Pepper Burgers.

Miss Cumberland Candidate: Emma Mewes

Sponsor: The Coffee Barn

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I want to represent my community in a good way! And to be with my friend Greta while meeting new people!

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

The rides and the food!

Miss Cumberland Candidate: Greta Weaver

Sponsor: JJS Auto Body Clinic

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I want to represent the wonderful city I live in. I want to share with people that my family - starting with my great grandparents, were born and raised in Cumberland.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

How everyone comes back “home” to celebrate the community we live in and reunite with family, friends, classmates and loved ones. I also look forward to eating a KC Special.

Junior Princess Candidate: Emerson Muench

Sponsor: Louie’s Finer Meats

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

When I did it as a Little Princess before it was a lot

of fun to meet new people so I think it would be a lot of fun!

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

My favorite part about rutabaga festival is going on the rides.

Junior Princess Candidate: Elin DePatto

Sponsor: Edina Realty

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

I think it will be fun, I like to be a part of big events and I like to meet new people.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

I like to go on rides and decorate a rutabaga for the library.

Junior Princess Candidate: Elinora Hanson

Sponsor: R Local Sanitation

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

I want to be like my big sister. I had so much fun with her going to queen’s tea, meeting new people and experiencing all the small towns.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

Riding rides with my friends.

Little Miss Princess Candidate: Violet Schara

Sponsor: The Gray Label

1. Why do you want to be a Little Miss Princess?

So I can go to different parades and represent our town.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

The Miss Cumberland pageant and kid events.

Little Miss Princess Candidate: Goldie Huber

Sponsor: Corner Bar and Restaurant

1. Why do you want to be a Little Miss Princess?

I love meeting new friends and talking to new people. I love Cumberland and want to show how cool Cumberland is.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

The fun activities and I get to see so many friends.

Little Miss Princess Candidate: Lilia DePatto



Emerson Muench



Elin DePatto



Elinora Hanson



Violet Schara



Goldie Huber



Lilia DePatto



Merritt Norby



Avery Butzler

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MEET OUR NEW EMERGENCY MEDICINE TEAM



Our new team of highly skilled ER-trained physicians is here and ready to take care of you 24/7/365.

HERE WHEN YOU NEED US.

(but we hope you never do!)



2026
Miss Cumberland Pageant

The 2026 Miss Cumberland Pageant will be held on SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Gymnasium. Tickets are available at the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce or you can purchase at the door. Tickets are \$5 each (Children 5 and under are Free)

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